

LETTER OF PROMULGATION

1. The Aleutians Subarea Contingency Plan is the guideline for establishing operations in the event of a major response effort to an oil spill or hazardous material release. This volume supplements the *Alaska Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil & Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases* (the **Unified Plan**).
2. Information contained herein will be disseminated to agencies and personnel involved in various response and cleanup activities.
3. The Aleutians Subarea Contingency Plan is the result of a joint planning effort. Members of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Coast Guard, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Department of Interior, and other federal, state, local and industry participants contributed to this document.
4. We consider this a living document and solicit comments and recommendations to improve and update this plan. Please forward your comments to any of the following agencies:

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ALEUTIANS SUBAREA CONTINGENCY PLAN

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UNIFIED PLAN & SUBAREA CONTINGENCY PLAN DESCRIPTIONS

The Aleutians Subarea Contingency Plan is a supplement to the *Alaska Federal/State Preparedness Plan for Response to Oil & Hazardous Substance Discharges/Releases* (commonly referred to as the **Unified Plan**). The Unified and the Subarea Contingency Plans represent a coordinated and cooperative effort by government agencies and were written jointly by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) requires the USCG and the USEPA to prepare oil spill response plans for the State of Alaska, which is designated as an entire planning region under Federal guidelines. Alaska statute requires the ADEC to prepare a state-wide plan addressing oil and hazardous substance discharges. The **Unified Plan** meets those Federal and State planning requirements.

OPA 90 requires the development of Area Contingency Plans for the inland and coastal zones of each Federal region. For the Alaska region, there are three Coast Guard Captain of the Port (COTP) zones and one inland zone. The three Captain of the Port zones are: 1) Juneau, which covers all of Southeast Alaska; 2) Valdez, which covers the Prince William Sound area; and 3) Anchorage, which includes the rest of coastal Alaska from Cook Inlet out to the Aleutians and north to the Beaufort Sea and the Canadian border. The inland zone is subdivided into two sectors: 1) the North Slope oil production area and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) and 2) all other areas inland from the coastal zones.

Alaska statute divides the state into ten regions for oil and hazardous substance spill planning and preparedness and directs the ADEC to complete preparedness plans for the state and the ten regions. The USCG and the USEPA joined with the ADEC to use these ten regions for area planning instead of the Federal planning divisions since this would facilitate unified planning for the State of Alaska and prove more practical as well (for example, the huge Anchorage COTP planning area is replaced by seven more manageable divisions). Because the State of Alaska is called a planning “region” under Federal planning guidelines (and to avoid confusion with the other Federal term, “area contingency plans”) these ten subordinate planning regions of the State are called “subareas” in the context of the **Unified Plan**.

The **Unified Plan** contains information applicable to pollution response within the entire State of Alaska and meets the pollution response contingency planning requirements applicable to the Federal and State governments. The plan provides broad policy guidance and describes the strategy for a coordinated Federal, State and local response to a discharge, or substantial threat of discharge, of oil and/or a release of a hazardous substance within the boundaries of Alaska and its surrounding waters.

Under both Federal and State law, the responsible party for an oil spill or hazardous substance release is required to report the incident and mount a response effort to contain and cleanup the release. The Federal and State governments mandate response plans for oil tank vessels and facilities that have stringent spill response requirements. If the responsible party fails to respond adequately or if no responsible party can be identified, then the Federal and State governments will rely on the **Unified Plan** and the appropriate Subarea Contingency Plan for response protocols and guidance.

The **Unified Plan** contains: Federal and State authorities, planning requirements, response policies, and administrative guidance; unified response organization, including ICS structure; permits; statewide resources; standard site safety plan; guidelines for dispersant use and *in situ* burns; statewide hazardous materials profile; applicable MOUs and MOAs; public affairs guidance; and cultural resources protection guidelines. Available as a separate document is the Wildlife Protection Guidelines.

Whereas the **Unified Plan** contains general information for response efforts taking place anywhere in the State of Alaska, the Subarea Contingency Plan (SCP) concentrates on issues and provisions specific to its particular subarea. The Aleutians SCP focuses on the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands and the southern portion of the Alaska Peninsula. The boundaries of this subarea are described in the Background Section of this plan. The Aleutians SCP provides information specific to the area, including emergency response phone numbers, available response equipment, specific response guidance, and information on hazardous materials presence and sensitive areas protection.

Alaska State statute mandates a public review of all new plans, an annual departmental review of these plans, and another public review whenever the plans are significantly revised. The ADEC offers a public review of these plans for a period of 30 to 60 days during which verbal and written comments are accepted. During this comment period, several public meetings are held at locations appropriate for the plan being reviewed. The Federal government does not require public review for any of its plans, though the USCG and the USEPA, as part of the Alaska unified planning process, do cooperate with the State of Alaska and participate in the public review process.

Neither the Federal nor the State government maintains a formal approval process for these plans. The **Unified Plan** and the SCPs are presented to the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission and the Alaska Regional Response Team for review and comment. Acceptance of the plan by the three plan holders - the USCG, the USEPA and the State of Alaska - constitutes approval of the plan.

The Unified Plan and the Subarea Contingency Plans may be accessed online at the website for the Alaska Regional Response Team: <http://www.akrrt.org>.

Plan users may also wish to visit the following sites:

Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation:
<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/>

ADEC Prevention & Emergency Response Program, which provides spill response updates:
<http://www.state.ak.us/dec/dspar/perp/>

Alaska State Emergency Response Commission:
<http://www.ak-prepared.com/serc/>

U. S. Coast Guard National Marine Safety Office:
<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/gmhome.htm>

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency:
<http://www.epa.gov>

RECORD OF CHANGES

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NOTIFICATION OF SPILL INCIDENT

Complete SECTION I for ALL reports received.

Complete SECTION II when vessels are the source of pollution.

Complete SECTION III when facilities are the source of pollution.

Report received by:	Time:	Date:
Organization:	Notification of FOSC_____ & SOSC_____	
SECTION I - POLLUTION DATA		
1. Location:		
2. Type of pollutant (Diesel/Oil/Gasoline/etc.):		
3. Quantity of pollutant in water:		
a. Is sheen visible? YES_____ NO_____ Size of Sheen:		
4. Source of pollutant (vessel, facility, person, vehicle):		
5. Time pollutant detected:		
6. Threatened areas:		
7. On-scene weather:		
8. Identity of Caller: Volunteer observer _____ Representative of pollution source _____		
Name:		
Address:		
Phone #:		
SECTION II - VESSEL DATA		
1. Name of vessel:		
2. Official #:		
3. Local Agent:		
4. Type of Vessel: Tanker__ Cargo__ Fishing__ Barge__ Pleasure__ Passenger__ Other:___		
SECTION III - FACILITY DATA		
1. Name of Facility:		
2. Address/Location of Facility:		
3. Type of Facility:		

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REPORT ALL OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILLS

ALASKA LAW REQUIRES REPORTING OF ALL SPILLS

During normal business hours

contact the nearest DEC Area Response Team office:

Central Area Response Team: Anchorage

**269-3063
fax: 269-7648**

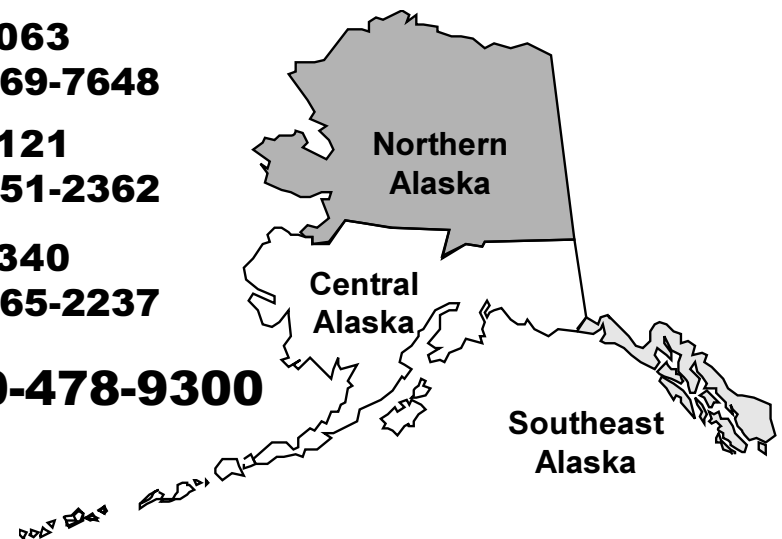
Northern Area Response Team: Fairbanks

**451-2121
fax: 451-2362**

Southeast Area Response Team: Juneau

**465-5340
fax: 465-2237**

Outside normal business hours, call: 1-800-478-9300



Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Spill Prevention and Response

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Discharge Notification and Reporting Requirements

AS 46.03.755 and 18 AAC 75.300-.307

Notification of a discharge must be made to the **nearest** Area Response Team during working hours:

Anchorage: 269-3063
269-7648 (FAX)

Fairbanks: 451-2121
451-2362 (FAX)

Juneau: 465-5340
465-2237 (FAX)

OR

to the 24-Hour Emergency Reporting Number during non-working hours: **1-800-478-9300**

Notification Requirements

Hazardous Substance Discharges

Any release of a hazardous substance must be reported as soon as the person has knowledge of the discharge.

Oil Discharges

■ TO WATER

- Any release of oil to water must be reported as soon as the person has knowledge of the discharge.

■ TO LAND

- Any release of oil in **excess of 55 gallons** must be reported as soon as the person has knowledge of the discharge.
- Any release of oil in **excess of 10 gallons but less than 55 gallons** must be reported within 48 hours after the person has knowledge of the discharge.
- A person in charge of a facility or operation shall maintain, and provide to the Department on a monthly basis, a written record of any discharges any discharge of oil **from 1 to 10 gallons**.

■ TO IMPERMEABLE SECONDARY CONTAINMENT AREAS

- Any release of oil **in excess of 55 gallons** must be reported within 48 hours after the person has knowledge of the discharge.

Special Requirements for Regulated Underground Storage Tank (UST) Facilities*

If your **release detection system** indicates a possible discharge, or if you notice **unusual operating conditions** that might indicate a release, you must notify the Storage Tank Program at the nearest DEC Office **within 7 days**:

Anchorage: (907) 269-7504
Juneau: (907) 465-5200

Fairbanks: (907) 451-2360
Soldotna: (907) 262-5210

*Regulated UST facilities are defined at 18 AAC 78.005 and do not include heating oil tanks.



1 800 424-8802

The National Response Center is the SOLE national point of contact for reporting Oil, Chemical, Radiological and Biological discharges.

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